

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action mailed November 23, 2005, claims 1-23 and 43-51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Fera et al. (Intl. Patent Publication No. WO 01/015001 A2; hereinafter “Fera”). Applicants traverse and respectfully request reconsideration.


Claims 1-23 and 43-51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Fera. In relevant part, it is asserted that Fera teaches a “services registry” as presently claimed. Applicants note that claims 1, 8, 43 and 46 have been amended above to more clearly recite the services registry, particularly that the “services registry lists available services for the object.” In contrast, Applicants submit that Fera fails to teach or suggest a services registry that lists available services for the object. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that Fera fails to anticipate claims 1, 8, 43 and 46, which claims are seen to be in suitable condition for allowance.

With regard to claims 2-7, 9-23, 44, 45, and 47-51, Applicants note that these claims are dependent upon independent claim 1 (claims 2-7), independent claim 8 (claims 9-23), independent claim 43 (claims 44 and 45) and independent claim 46 (claims 47-51). Because claims 2-7, 9-23, 44, 45, and 47-51 incorporate the limitations of the independent claims from which they depend, Applicant submits that Fera fails to anticipate claims 2-7, 9-23, 44, 45, and 47-51. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-7, 9-23, 44, 45, and 47-51 are in suitable condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the below listed attorney if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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